



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5644

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Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment
Advancement

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING TEACHER PREPARATION FOR READING
TEACHERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The Department of Higher
2 Education, in collaboration with the Department of Education, shall
3 develop a plan for the implementation of research based reading
4 instruction for teacher preparation for the teaching of reading. The
5 plan shall include (1) a determination of the appropriate curriculum
6 for teacher preparation, including, but not limited to, any suggested
7 increase in the number of required credits for preparation for reading
8 teachers and any changes in the content of the curriculum, such as
9 required credits for children's language and literacy development, the
10 structure of language, assessment and teaching of phonemic
11 awareness, phonics, spelling and reading fluency, and assessment and
12 teaching of vocabulary, and comprehension and written expression, (2)
13 the development of a major in language and literacy at teacher
14 preparation institutions, and (3) recommendations for enhanced
15 teacher certification requirements that include testing of teacher
16 knowledge about reading development and language structure for

17 teachers of grades kindergarten to three, inclusive, special education
18 and reading. Not later than January 1, 2007, the Commissioners of
19 Higher Education and Education shall report such plan to the joint
20 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
21 matters relating to higher education and education, in accordance with
22 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2006	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Department of Higher Education, in collaboration with the Department of Education, to develop a plan for the implementation of research based reading instruction for teacher preparation for the teaching of reading.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]